

# AIRGRAM

FOR RM USE ONLY

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| RM/R | REP  | AF   |
| ARA  | EUR  | FE   |
| NEA  | CU   | INR  |
| E    | P    | IO   |
| L    | FBO  | AID  |
| S/P  | OMB  | PCA  |
| AGR  | COM  | FRB  |
| INT  | LAB  | TAR  |
| TR   | XMB  | AIR  |
| ARMY | CIA  | NAVY |
| DSD  | USIA | NSA  |

A-460  
NO.

CONFIDENTIAL

AIR POUCH

HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

1963 MAY 8 PM 12:39

INFO : DHAHRAN, CHUSMTM, COMIDEASTFOR

DEPT PASS TO: *all posts listed on*ANALYSIS & DISTRIBUTION  
BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy JIDDA

DATE: May 2, 1963

SUBJECT : Joint Weeka No. 17

REF

Table of ContentsPOLITICAL/ECONOMICMILITARY

Negative

PSYCHOLOGICAL

2. Jordan

GROUP 4

Downgraded at 3-year intervals  
Declassified 12 years after date of originFORM  
4-62 DS-323

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR DEPT. USE ONLY

Drafted by:

RWMurphy/CEMarthinsen/MDraper/GMLane/RLPhillips:11

Contents and Classification Approved by:

4-30-63

Clearances:

Page

2

2

2

3

3

3

3

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

CONFIDENTIAL

Page Two  
A-460  
Jidda

POLITICAL/ECONOMIC

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page Three  
A-460  
Jidda

The U.S. Communications Service is advising Saudi Government on Establishment of Television Broadcasting. Mr. Edward W. ALLEN, Chief Engineer, Federal Communications Commission, is now in Saudi Arabia in response to a request of the Saudi Government, to provide technical advice on the establishment of television throughout the Kingdom. Mr. Allen has visited Jidda, Riyadh, Taif,

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page Four  
A-460  
Jidda

Medina (the airport) and Dhahran, where he discussed TV matters with appropriate Aramco officials. He is now preparing his report for presentation to the new Minister of Information, Shaykh Jamil Hujaylan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Saudis seeking have US play active role as contract intermediary by which Faysal apparently hopes extricate himself from profit seekers and sycophants. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. USG Team of Highway Advisers to Visit Saudi Arabia. In response to Crown Prince Faysal's April 6 request the USG is planning to send a team of three highway advisers to assess the conflicting advice that the Crown Prince has been receiving concerning road building in Saudi Arabia. It has been agreed with Deputy Foreign Minister SAQQAF that the three man team will arrive about May 8 for a two week visit. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. Bidders for Relinquished Aramco Concession Areas. M. Hubert De Saint-Quentin of the French Regie Autonome Des Petroles has been consulting with Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources this past week as regards obtaining a petroleum concession in the areas relinquished by Aramco under the recent agreement. Ministry officials gave him maps and information about the areas in question. Crown Prince Faysal also received De Saint-Quentin in audience on April 25 and reportedly stated, "Saudi Arabia considers France an old friend. We open our hearts to her." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### MILITARY

Negative.

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL

2. Jordan. Saudi press media stresses "normalcy" in Jordan. Al Nadwah, front-page, April 27, carried news item quoting King Husayn as "re-affirming that situation in Jordan has returned to normal and that demonstrations began as expression of joy for new tripartite federation...but turned into violent action by agitators." Front-page coverage given to "U.S. affirmation of its readiness to stand by Jordan in the event that its independence threatened," quoting an unnamed spokesman for the Department of State, who added that the "US is watching the situation in the Middle East with interest." Attributed to same unnamed spokesman "statement made by Secretary Rusk last month that US is

CONFIDENTIAL

on the alert and is ready to resist any threat to Jordan." (UNCLASSIFIED)

*Nicholas G. Thacher*  
Nicholas G. Thacher  
Counselor of Embassy

DEPARTMENT PASS TO: ADEN, AMMAN, ANKARA, BAGHDAD, BEIRUT, BEIRUT FOR MELT,  
BONN FOR GINGUSAFE, CAIRO, DAMASCUS, FRANKFURT FOR LINDSEY  
AIR STATION, ATTN: DSC INTELLIGENCE IDCA, HEADQUARTERS,  
USAREUR HEIDELBERG, KARACHI, KHARTOUM, KUWAIT, LONDON FOR  
CINCHELM, RAHAT, TATZ, TEHRAN, PARIS, PARIS FOR CINCCEUR,  
ASMARA, TRIPOLI, TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM

CONFIDENTIAL